

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A process for preparing (S)-3-Methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanol comprising:

resolving racemic – (S)-3-Methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanol with (S)-(-)-2-pyrrolidone-5-carboxylic acid or 2,3,4,5-di-O-isopropylidene-2-keto-L-gulonic acid in a first organic solvent;
racemizing a stereomerically enriched mixture; and crystallizing (S)-3-Methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanol by resolving racemic (S)-3-Methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanol with 2,3,4,6-di-O-isopropylidene in a second organic solvent.

2. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the resolution of racemic (S)-3-Methylamino-1-(2-thienyl)-1-propanol is with 2,3,4,6-di-O-isopropylidene-2-keto-L-gulonic acid.

3. (Original) The process of any one of Claims 1 or 2 wherein the first organic solvent is selected from isopropanol, tetrahydrofuran, acetone or ethyl acetate.

4. (Currently amended) The process of any one of Claims 1, or 2 ~~or 3~~ wherein the first organic solvent is isopropanol.

5. (Currently amended) The process of any one of Claims 1 ~~through 4~~ or 2 wherein the second organic solvent is selected from isopropanol, tetrahydrofuran, acetone or ethyl acetate.

6. (Currently amended) The process of any one of Claims 1 or 2 ~~through 5~~ wherein the second organic solvent is isopropanol.